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Thank you for your letter regarding travel restrictions to Houston for Soviet officials.

The Department of State has primary jurisdiction in this matter, and I have referred your letter to them for reply. During 1983, when travel to Houston was not restricted, there were very few visits by Soviet officials. Travel to Houston by commercial visitors from the Soviet Union is permitted.

Thank you for supporting the proposed Department of International Trade and Industry. I do not think that agricultural trade would lose its prominence should the Department come into being. The legislation proposed by this Administration would allow the Secretary of the new department to delegate negotiating authority on agricultural matters to the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Baldrige
 Secretary of Commerce

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